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Walthamstow is on the up

Eye-catching improvement works to a parade of shopfronts give Walthamstow High Street a new look

Shopfront improvements have transformed the section of Walthamstow High Street opposite the arcade site, renovating and restoring characterful elements of the buildings, providing new shop fascias in traditional materials, and supplying new awnings and shutters.

"They look absolutely marvellous," said Council Leader Chris Robbins. "We carried out a similar scheme last year down on High Road Leyton and buoyed by the success of that we decided to extend to other parts of the borough."

The £400,000 investment in the Walthamstow shopfronts is just one of the ways the Council is looking to regenerate areas throughout the borough. In September the Council announced a £9million regeneration programme that will increase the vitality and viability of nine borough High Streets.

"Walthamstow really is on the up," said Cllr Robbins. "The Travelodge development at the



The improved shopfronts at the top of Walthamstow High Street

station is well underway and the recent improvements made to the market will help maintain it as the focal point of the community, as it has been for the past 125 years."

A planning consultation is currently underway for a new multi-screen cinema, leisure and housing complex on the arcade site. The consultation will close on Friday 30 November. If approved the development

would not only complement the shopfront improvements in providing a fantastic gateway to the rest of the High Street, but fulfil some of the ambitions expressed by residents.

"We know residents are crying out for better shops and better leisure facilities in this borough and it is just this sort of investment that can help turn those aspirations into realities," said Cllr Robbins.

More info

The Council's 'Creating a better place to live' campaign is committed to improving the borough's streets, shops and leisure facilities. For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

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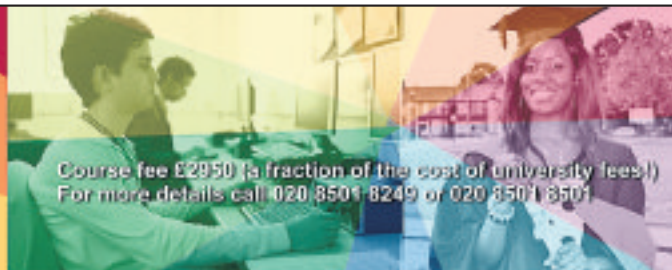
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In my opinion

Father Steven Saxby

St Barnabas Church, Walthamstow



I guess it's a sign of getting old that I can look back and reflect on how things have changed over the last twenty years. In 1991, I became a volunteer with a project for people living with HIV. That was the year that the red ribbon was adopted as a symbol for World Aids Day and every year since

I have helped to organise a time of prayer on 1 December to mark the day.

It's great that much has changed over the years in terms of attitudes towards HIV and AIDS. Back then there was a lot of blame and discrimination, sadly much of it from church leaders. But, increasingly, the churches have been at the forefront of HIV and AIDS work in the UK and abroad, including helping to eradicate the stigma of living with HIV.

Waltham Forest has an issue with late HIV diagnosis. Recent studies have shown people living with diagnosed HIV can expect a near-normal life expectancy, provided they are diagnosed early in the course of their infection.

"Getting to Zero" is a United Nations campaign which calls for zero discrimination for people living with HIV. I am glad to be part of an event with the local authority and others aimed at reaching out to people with HIV, in the hope that we can eradicate stigma here and show those living with HIV in this borough that they are not alone.

The event is called "Celebration of Life" as it aims to highlight that you can live a positive life with HIV. I am so happy that so many of my friends from years ago are still alive and living positively with HIV. The free event on World AIDS Day will be a celebration with food, drink and young performers.

At the same time, we do not stop remembering those whose lives were cut short by AIDS-related deaths. This year we will be holding our World AIDS Day service in partnership with House of Rainbow Fellowship. There will be music, reflection time and an opportunity to light candles as we pray for those who have died and celebrate those living positively with HIV.

So, I am looking forward to seeing some of you for prayers at St Barnabas Church (E17 8JZ) from 6.30pm on Saturday 1 December and, afterwards, for "Celebration of Life" in the Foster Hall (E17 8JZ) from 8pm onwards. All are very welcome to both.

Want to have your say?

If you live or work in Waltham Forest, have something you'd like to get off your chest, and can do it in around 300 words; Waltham Forest News wants to hear from you. Email the Editor at: walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk and tell us what you'd like to write about.



TV personality Gok Wan, Sarah Humphreys, Mark Palmer-Edgcombe representing award sponsors Google, Teresa Sharpe and Stonewall Chief Executive Ben Summerskill. Photo by Mark Weeks.

Local charity wins Stonewall award

- Local charity ELOP named as Stonewall's Community Group of the Year
- Awards celebrate organisations that positively represent lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people

Walthamstow-based charity East London Out Project (ELOP) has won a prestigious national award for its work to help lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people.

ELOP received Stonewall's Community Group of the Year award at a ceremony held at the Victoria and Albert Museum on Thursday 1 November. The charity also collected a £5,000 cheque from the Inclusive Foundation to support its work with vulnerable gay people.

Stonewall is the UK's national lesbian, gay and bisexual charity and their annual awards seek to recognise the individuals and

organisations that help give a positive representation of gay people in the media and who support LGBT people.

ELOP is a lesbian and gay centre which offers a range of social, emotional and support services to people in London. Its core services include counselling and young people's services, including support groups and in-school education. They also offer training and consultancy for professionals looking to understand the issues facing LGBT people.

The charity assists more than 5,000 Londoners a year. ELOP's Chair Sarah Humphreys told Waltham

Forest News: "We are absolutely delighted to have received this award, and it is fantastic to have the value and impact of our work recognised in this way by the community.

"This award reinforces our determination to continue supporting those who experience homophobia and discrimination."

"This is a tremendous achievement," said Cllr Liaquat Ali, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion. "ELOP works tirelessly, and while no charity does what they do in order to receive accolades, I can't think of much higher - or more deserved - praise

than recognition from an organisation as respected as Stonewall."

Teresa Sharpe, ELOP CEO, added: It's not being lesbian or gay that makes people ill - it's the discrimination and the homophobia and the hostility we still have to face. While young people are still over-represented in the mental health system for self-harm and suicide, organisations like ELOP must persist."

More info

For more information on ELOP visit www.elop.org or phone 020 8509 3898.

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New housing scheme opened

Better Housing



Cllr Marie Pye; Ahmed Mapara, CEO of NLMHA, Council Leader Chris Robbins and Ismail Yusuf, Chair of NLMHA at the opening ceremony

High Road Leyton received another rejuvenating boost on Wednesday 7 November, with the official opening of Oriana House.

The new development at the junction of Grange Park Road and High Road Leyton was built thanks to a partnership between North London Muslim Housing Association and Islington

and Shoreditch Housing Association on a previously dilapidated site. The modern, energy-efficient development consists of 30 social rented homes and six shared ownership properties, all of which have been filled via Waltham Forest's choice-based lettings system. The scheme cost £6.5million, £4.1million of which came

from a government social housing grant.

"Anyone who lives in Leyton or regularly passes through can't help but notice the improvement Oriana House has made to the local area," Chris Robbins, Leader of Waltham Forest Council, told Waltham Forest News after formally opening the development.

"It's a modern, eye-catching development and perfectly complements what the Council has done to improve Leyton's streets and shops – two of our main aims for the regeneration of Waltham Forest as a whole."

Other attendees included Waltham Forest's Cabinet Member for Housing, Cllr Marie Pye and local councillors Bob Sullivan, Farooq Qureshi, Winnifred Smith and

Mohammed Asghar.

"As with every London borough, there's a pressing need for social and affordable housing in Waltham Forest," said Cllr Marie Pye. "While demand is growing, the slow economy has meant fewer and fewer schemes are being developed. Oriana House thankfully bucks this trend, representing a fantastic new start for 36 of the borough's families as well as an attractive new feature for High Road Leyton."

More info

For more information about the borough's regeneration plans visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace. Free internet access is available in all of the borough's libraries.

In brief

Celebrating Diwali

Hundreds of residents joined the Council for an evening of music and entertainment to celebrate Diwali at Walthamstow Assembly Hall on Sunday 16 November. Popularly known as the Festival of Lights, Diwali is an important five-day festival celebrated by Hindus, Jains and Sikhs. The festival celebrates the victory of good over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance. For Hindus the festival honours Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth. For Sikhs, Diwali is particularly important because it celebrates the release from prison of the sixth guru, Guru Hargobind in 1619. The festival also has special significance in Jainism, as it marks the day that Mahavira gave his last teachings and attained ultimate liberation.

• For more information on Council events visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/councilevents.



Fireworks will light Highams Park in January 2013

New Year fireworks

Residents can make sure that 2013 starts with a bang, as Waltham Forest Council is putting on two free fireworks displays to mark the end of a special year of celebration and welcome in the New Year. The displays will take place at The Highams Park (Charter Road, Woodford Green, IG8 9RE) and Leyton Jubilee Park (Marsh Lane, Leyton E10 7DE) on Wednesday 2 January 2013. The events will take place from 5.30 to 8pm. The fireworks will be choreographed to music and refreshments will be available to buy. Keep an eye out for more information in the 17 December edition of Waltham Forest News.

• For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/councilevents.

Blue plaque for Bearmans

When a local resident contacted the Council suggesting that some recognition be given to the part that Bearmans department store played in the history of Leytonstone, the Council couldn't help but agree.

Bearmans was a popular shopping destination in

Leytonstone from its opening in 1898 until it finally closed its doors in 1983. Many local people have very fond memories of the store, with forums on the internet sharing memories.

One ex-resident now living in New Zealand wrote, "I remember Mum taking my sister and me to see Father

Christmas at Bearmans department store during the 1950s. This was our main Christmas treat and every year Bearmans had a different 'grotto' theme. Sometimes we had to queue for ages to get into the grotto. It was a great store."

To commemorate the site of the old department store

– now occupied by Matalan – the Council recently unveiled a blue heritage plaque. Those interested in local history will also be pleased to hear that the old advertisement for Bearmans can still be seen at the entrance to Leytonstone underground station.

Cllr Clyde Loakes, Cabinet Member for Environment, said, "We very much value our local heritage in Waltham Forest and recognise the important social and economic significance that stores like Bearmans played in the development of the area."

More info

For further information about listed buildings and conservation areas in Waltham Forest visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.



The entrance to Bearman's department store in 1952

Stop allotments taking over Olympic Park

Residents are being short changed by plans to develop the Olympic Park, with the section of the Park in Waltham Forest set to include allotments. The Council has consistently and whole-heartedly rejected these plans year after year as it believes the Olympic Park should be open to all, providing leisure and recreational facilities that create a lasting world-class legacy for Waltham Forest and London as a whole. The London Legacy Development Cooperation is asking local people to help shape the future of the Olympic Park, and the Council is urging residents to have their say and help stop allotments from taking over the Olympic Park.

• To have your say visit www.londonlegacy.co.uk. The closing date is Monday 31 December 2012.

Priorities



Clockwise from top left: the Construction Skills Centre, a Tesco employee receives her new qualification certificate from Cllr Mark Rusling, a skills workshop and the Youth Employment Summit

Helping you and your family

Waltham Forest Council has four key priorities to help improve the lives of residents. In this edition we look at what is being done to help you and your family gain access to training and education that helps you get a job whatever your age

Helping local people access work and take advantage of the employment opportunities in Waltham Forest and on the borough's doorstep is a priority for the Council.

With Canary Wharf, the City Fringe and the new shopping and entertainment district in Stratford just a tube ride away, Waltham Forest residents are well placed to access the employment opportunities on offer in these nearby areas. And to ensure that young people are able to make the most of the jobs available, the Council played a leading role in last week's Youth Employment Summit.

Chaired by the Leader of Waltham Forest Council, Chris Robbins, the summit saw community leaders from across north and east London join together with heads of voluntary sector organisations to tackle the issue of youth unemployment head on.

Taking place at Tottenham

Town Hall the event looked for new ways of tackling worklessness and giving young people the skills and education they need to get into the world of work.

As Chair of the North London Strategy Alliance Chris Robbins introduced the event, he said: "Youth unemployment is a serious issue and we need to understand the barriers that young people face when trying to access work so that we can provide them with the tools they need to overcome them. With the number and variety of jobs available in the capital it is unacceptable that young people in north and east London are struggling to find employment.

"Unless we address this problem now we will be left with a lost generation of alienated and unemployed people."

Bringing together employers and those people

who provide services for young people in north and east London, the event was designed to make sure that all of these organisations worked together effectively to make sure that the area's young people get the support they need to find and retain work. The outcome of the discussions

will be used to plan and influence how services are delivered in the future.

As well as developing strategies that reach across borough boundaries to tackle endemic worklessness and break the cycle of poverty, the Council is doing everything it can to work with local employers and residents

to help them access work.

An agreement between the Council and Tesco saw the supermarket chain's new store in Highams Park employ 75 local people. Opening last month, the new recruits not only secured employment but also benefitted from training, gaining qualifications in customer service and food safety in catering.

We've also seen the construction of the £7.5 million Construction Skills Centre in Leytonstone, which means local people can get the skills they need to enter the building trade. Training at the state-of-the-art-facility began in November 2010 and the aim to have 1,000 people pass through the centre in the first year was surpassed, with over 1,675 people receiving training in the first year alone.

And the Council's Community Learning and Skills Service (CLaSS) is providing regular Job Skills Workshops to help residents

identify their skills and make an action plan to help them get the job they want.

Councillor Mark Rusling, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Corporate Resources, said, "The workshops can make a real difference to residents looking for work. It can be incredibly demoralising to keep trying for jobs and getting nowhere.

"However, sometimes it may mean just a few simple changes. Applying for the right sorts of jobs suited to your skillset and making sure your approach is appropriate and your CV is clear and informative are all ways to increase your chances of success."

Residents can attend Job Skills Workshops at:

- **The Leyton Neighbourhood Learning Centre**, 3 The Square, High Road Leyton, E10 5NR - **Mondays, 6.30-9pm**
- **Harmony Hall**, Truro Road, E17 7BY - **Wednesdays, 1-3.30pm**
- **The Tamil Cooperative Development Centre**, 219 Forest Road, E17 6HE - **Tuesdays, 9.30am –12noon**. Please phone **020 8496 2974** in advance

For more information, or to enrol on job skills workshops, contact the following centres:

- **Leyton Neighbourhood Learning Centre**, 3 The Square, High Road Leyton, E10 5NR. Phone **020 8558 6805**.
- **Leytonstone Learning Link**, 23 - 25 North Birkbeck Road, Leytonstone, E11 4JF. Phone **020 8988 0555**.
- **Queens Road Learning Centre**, 97 Queens Road, Walthamstow, E17 8QR. Phone **020 8496 2974**.

More info

For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

What you say

Residents tell Waltham Forest News what they think of the Council's work and training opportunities



Brendan O'Sullivan, Walthamstow



Theresa Achilleos, Walthamstow



Agnieszka Watras, Walthamstow



Nasreeruddin Muthal, Walthamstow



Sydney Lindo, Walthamstow

"I think young people need to be more proactive and more entrepreneurial and where they need new skills they should seek them out. My son has a job where his firm gives him day release to go to college. More stuff like that would help."

"We need to find ways to inspire and support everyone looking for work – not just young people. There are a lot of people out there with skills they can utilise and pass on. The Council, businesses and everyone needs to be involved."

"I would like there to be ways of helping make work more flexible so that I can work around it and my child's needs. I would also like there to be more face-to-face help. I think the stuff on the Council website is good, but they could provide more."

"The free internet access at libraries is great for job hunting and the Council's Job Workshops are really helpful too. There should be more of that sort of thing, and a broader range of apprenticeships and training courses made available."

"At the end of the day councils have limited resources these days and can only do so much. But if they can help encourage apprenticeships so that people can learn skills on the job, or even at college, then that would be of help I'm sure."

Priority:
Helping you and your family

Commitment:

- Not raise council tax and will continue to fund the freedom pass.
- Make sure you have access to training and education that helps you get a job whatever your age.
- Support schools so that they can deliver a high quality education for our young people in decent buildings.
- Work with the community to keep vulnerable adults and children safe.

**Priority: Making our community
a safer place**

Priority: Keeping our borough clean

**Priority: Bringing you better shopping,
streets and leisure**

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/priorities



In brief

Named and shamed



Waltham Forest Council is committed to cleaning up the borough and wiping out enviro-crime in Waltham Forest. We will be taking tough action against those people who continue to blight our borough, and will name and shame the people we catch treating our borough like a dumping ground.

The following people and companies have been successfully prosecuted for enviro-crimes:

Who?	Sincere Properties
Where from?	Ilford
The offence?	Breach of advertising regulations
The outcome?	£75 fine, £310 costs and a £15 victim surcharge

Who?	Danuta Skopnik
Where from?	Clapton
The offence?	Duty of care in relation to fly-tipped waste
The outcome?	Conditional discharge for six months, £350 costs and a £15 victim surcharge

Who?	Peach Properties
Where from?	Bethnal Green
The offence?	Breach of advertising regulations
The outcome?	£100 fine, £550 costs and a £15 victim surcharge

Who?	B.K Skip Hire Ltd
Where from?	Goodmayes
The offence?	Depositing a builder's skip on the highway without a permit
The outcome?	£150 fine, £260 and a £15 victim surcharge

Who?	Ouidiu Adrian Dragoi
Where from?	Chingford
The offence?	No Waste Carrier's License
The outcome?	£300 fine, £150 costs and a £15 victim surcharge

Who?	RHP Services Ltd
Where from?	Walthamstow
The offence?	Failure to provide information on request
The outcome?	£300 fine, £350 costs and a £15 victim surcharge

• To report an enviro-crime visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/report-it or phone Waltham Forest Direct on 0208 8496 3000.



Snow Angel Bob Allan doing his bit for the residents of Cleveland Park in Walthamstow. Photo by Cleveland Park Residents' Association

Snow business

- Snow Angels scheme on the verge of having 500 signed up volunteers
- Residents can be good neighbours by supporting the Council's winter work

While Waltham Forest Council does much to combat the effects of the notorious British winter – from deploying a fleet of gritters to implementing contingency plans to ensure vital services are maintained – the truth is it is impossible for Council staff alone to clear every single street in the borough the morning after it snows.

The Council's Snow Angels scheme, established three years ago, helps enable residents to clear snow from their streets by providing volunteers with a 20kg bag of grit, a branded hi-visibility vest, protective gloves and a snow scoop or shovel.

Cllr Clyde Loakes, Cabinet

Member for Environment, told Waltham Forest News: "The Snow Angels campaign really pulls communities closer together by finding willing volunteers to help their neighbourhoods.

"With a little bit of effort a small number of people on each street can make pavements and pathways safe for neighbours who may be pregnant, elderly or disabled and therefore nervous about going outside for fear of slipping."

As well as providing equipment to Snow Angels, the Council has also greatly increased the number of grit bins around the borough, upping them from 97 in 2009/10 to 176 today. It has

also put them in strategic spots around the borough so that Council employees and Snow Angels alike have easy access.

"We've managed to increase the number of Snow Angels by over 100 since last year and just need another dozen or so people to hit 500 before the snow starts to fall," said Cllr Loakes. "If you're willing and able I would urge you to get in touch – it's a great way to do your bit for your street."

And for those who believe the myth that you will be sued if you clear a path of snow, note the Department of Transport advice that there's no law stopping you from clearing snow and ice

on the pavement outside your home or from public spaces. But you should follow the snow code and clear snow and ice safely. So if you want to help your neighbours this winter, sign up to be one of the borough's Snow Angels.

More info

To find out more visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/winter-maint or to join the growing ranks of Snow Angels phone Street Services on 020 8496 3000 or email environmental.services@walthamforest.gov.uk. To read the Snow Code visit www.metoffice.gov.uk and search 'The Snow Code'.

Christmas parking changes

- Council announces new parking measures to encourage Christmas shoppers
- Free parking on Saturdays, Thursday evenings and 15 minutes in voucher bays during December



Free parking to help businesses and shoppers this Christmas

Residents wishing to run their pre-Christmas errands and shopping trips by car should find motoring a little easier this December, after the Council announced temporary changes to parking controls in the borough.

"These measures are designed to encourage Christmas shoppers to keep their trade within the borough," said Cllr Clyde Loakes, Cabinet Member for Environment, on announcing Waltham Forest Council's plans to relax parking regulations over the festive season.

There will be two hours free parking in Town Centre car parks all day on the four Saturdays in December before Christmas (Saturday 1, 8, 15 and 22 December) and from 4pm on the three Thursday evenings before Christmas (Thursday 6, 13 and 20 December).

The car parks included in the scheme are Brandon Road E17, Church Lane E11, Hall Lane E4, High Street E17, Linford Road E17, Mission Grove E17, Richmond Road E4, South Grove E17 and Stanley Road E10.

In addition there will be no parking enforcement taking place on Bank Holidays and no vehicle removals on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve after 12.30pm.

To further assist local businesses in the run up to

Christmas the Council is also building on the success of its scheme to allow 15 minutes of free parking in voucher bays.

The scheme has been in operation in Station Road, Chingford Mount and Leyton High Road since July 2011 and its success has persuaded the Council to allow 15 minutes of free parking in all voucher bays across the borough throughout the entire month of December.

In addition, the scheme will be rolled out to all voucher bays across the borough in the New Year – and should be fully operational by March 2013.

More info

For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/parking or phone 020 8496 3000.

In brief



Children's Centre wins Edible Garden award

A Walthamstow Nursery and Children's Centre was celebrating scooping a voucher for a different type of nursery recently as it took second place in a competition to find 'edible gardens' in the capital. The Low Hall Nursery and Children's Centre boasts its own vegetable garden and not only won £150 in vouchers for new plants and the like, but was also awarded £30 worth of tools. The Edible Garden project is seeking to uncover 2012 food-growing gardens in London by the end of the year in an effort to encourage groups of Londoners to get together and grow their own.

• For more information on the Edible Garden project visit www.capitalgrowth.org. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

Walthamstow & Chingford Assembly Halls

Are you looking for a high quality venue in which to hold that special event? Our two Assembly Halls are available to hire for Weddings, Conferences, Dinner Dances, Concerts & Exhibitions and both have excellent transport links being 30 minutes from Central London.

The recently refurbished Walthamstow Assembly Hall is set within beautiful landscaped grounds. The impressive art deco building was recently chosen to host the North London gala luncheon attended by HM Queen and HRH Duke of Edinburgh as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Chingford Assembly Hall has been refurbished to a high standard and has the additional availability of a separate quality lounge area.

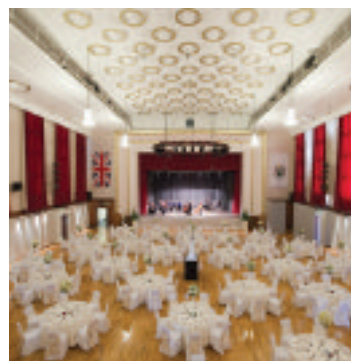
As well as impressive foyers, separate bars and kitchen

facilities the venues offer a full bar service, disability access and on site car parking.

Limited Promotional Offer.

We are offering the first 10 customers a **£100** discount against bookings held during February, March and April 2013. To qualify interested customers must quote WFNNOV2012. (Terms and Conditions apply*)

Contact us now on 0208 496 3000 and ask for the Assembly Hall Booking Office and make your special event even more spectacular!



Further details of the two venues can be found at www.walthamforest.gov.uk/halls-for-hire

Terms* To qualify for the discounts bookings must be for a minimum 8 hours duration and at our standard published tariff. This offer cannot be used with any other offer. Only one discount can be used per booking. Not available to internal hirers or employee's of London Borough of Waltham Forest. Not applicable to existing bookings.



What's On

Sports and fitness

Fencing

Wednesdays, 5.30-7.30pm and 7.30-9.30pm

Rushcroft Sports College, Rush Croft Road, E4 8SG
Friendly local club, fencing all three Olympic weapons; foil, epee, sabre. If you've always wanted to try, we have regular beginner's courses. If you are experienced, come along and we'll fight you! Juniors (8 years +) sessions take place from 5.30-7.30pm and adults sessions from 7.30-9.30pm. **For more information visit <http://www.hpfc.org.uk> or search "HPFC" on facebook.**

Mindfulness yoga and meditation class

Tuesdays, 8pm-9.15pm

Quaker Meeting House, Bush Road, Leytonstone £8 per class.
For more information email helen.georgiou@mac.com, phone 07956 807675 or visit www.helenyoga.co.uk.



Pregnancy yoga class

Tuesdays, 6.15pm-7.45pm

Quaker Meeting House, Bush Road, Leytonstone
£12 per class. **For more information email helen.georgiou@mac.com, phone 07956 807675 or visit www.helenyoga.co.uk.**

Walthamstow Sports Hub

Every Wednesday, 5 - 8pm

Walthamstow Academy, Billet Road, E17 5DP. This is a great chance for young people to engage in a variety of sports in a friendly and sociable environment. Every Wednesday the Sports Hub will offer a diverse selection of activities, where participants can pick and choose what sport they would like to take part in. The sports are delivered by coaches from local clubs and the evening is run by volunteers. This is for those aged 12 - 30, so come along and try something new! £2 per evening. **For more information phone Kate Anstey on 07737 662771.**

Lea Valley Friends short walks

Days and times vary

If you find long walks too much for you, why not try walking with us. Walks last two hours. We have a varied programme covering city, canal, forest and country village walks. We are a friendly group and you would receive a warm welcome. **For more information visit www.leavalleyfriends.org.uk, email lvfwalkers2001@hotmail.com or phone 020 8529 1602.**



One to one Bellydance classes

Days and time vary

Treat yourself to classes tailored to your individual needs. Want to feel more confident at your Christmas party? Preparing for a performance? Or simply want to spoil yourself with learning this beautiful dance form?! **For more information phone Chloe on 079036 29636, email chloe@dancechloe.com or visit www.DanceChloe.com.**

Zumba Fitness with Chloe

Tuesdays, 7pm

Walthamstow School for Girls, E17 9RZ. £5 or £3 for WSFG staff. Wear low tread supportive trainers and bring a bottle of water to enjoy this exhilarating dance fitness class in a low pressure atmosphere! **For more information phone Chloe on 079036 29636, email chloe@dancechloe.com or visit www.DanceChloe.com.**

Walthamstow Borough Bowls Club

Practice Mondays, 10am

Club matches Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons. Enjoy social or competitive bowling. New members, including beginners and all ages, are very welcome. Join our friendly club to meet new people, improve your health and wellbeing and get outdoors. We play on a synthetic green, which is easier to bowl if you have mobility restrictions. Also on the synthetic green: over 50s casual sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.45am (all year). Everyone welcome. **For further information phone 020 8923 1148 or email Bob.belam@gmail.com.**

London East Aikido

Tuesdays and Fridays, 6.30pm

Walthamstow. Aikido in Walthamstow with London East Aikido. New members welcome. Aikido is a non-competitive Martial Art. £7.50 per class. **For more details phone Steve on 07838 387057.**

Waltham Forest Green Gym

Every Friday 10.45am-2pm

Abbotts Park, Leytonstone, E10 6HT 'Join in, feel good'. The Conservation Volunteers Green Gym is a scheme which inspires you to improve both your health and the environment at the same time. Experienced leaders guide you through a range of practical projects, giving you the opportunity to tackle physical jobs in the outdoors - improving your strength and stamina, boosting your practical skills and confidence and benefiting your local green spaces. **For more information phone 020 8533 8022, email gg-waltham-forest@tcv.org.uk or visit http://www2.tcv.org.uk/display/btcv_gg-walthamforest.**

West Essex Ramblers

Days and times vary

A friendly walking group with rambles every Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Sorry, no dogs. **For a sample programme phone 020 8502 1628 or visit www.westessexramblers.org.uk.**



Blackhorse and Standard Morris Dancers

Wednesdays 8-10pm

St Gabriel's Family Centre, Havant Road (off Wood Street) E17 3JF Blackhorse and Standard Women's Morris dancers welcome new female members to our weekly practices. A fun and friendly way of keeping fit while learning traditional English Morris dancing. No experience necessary, just come along and have a go. Musicians (male or female) also welcome. First term free to new members. **Visit www.blackhorseandstandard.org.uk or phone 020 8527 2926 for further information.**

Clubs and community

Free business seminar

Tuesday 27 November, 9.30am-4.30pm

Ceme, Marsh Way, Rainham, RM13 8EU. Designed especially for smaller businesses, this practical hands-on seminar will give you some clear and easy ideas to help boost your business and ensure a sound, secure financial future. We'll share some well kept secrets about how to plan for growth, increase market share and secure greater profits. Leading the seminar will be Bob Westrip, Director of FYX ltd and Sir Henry Boyle, Chairman of Profile Productions Ltd. **For more information phone 020 8832 7311 or email info@profileproductions.co.uk.**

Waltham Forest Dyslexia Association AGM

Tuesday 27 November, 7-9.30pm

West Essex Sports Club, Hickman



Avenue, Highams Park
Waltham Forest Dyslexia Association is a small local charity, affiliated to the British Dyslexia Association but run independently by a dedicated committee. WFDA aims to offer advice and support as well as promote understanding of dyslexia through providing adult and child screenings; organise and run awareness days and conferences; hold public meetings with speakers on topics related to dyslexia. Everyone welcome at this free event, which includes a talk by lawyer Eleanor Wright on Special Educational Needs and the Law. **For more information on WFDA email admin@wfda.org.uk or visit www.wfda.org.uk.**

Winter Fayre

Sunday 2 December, 11.30am-2.30pm

The Lloyd Park Centre, Winns Avenue entrance, Lloyd Park, E17 5JW. Father Christmas in his grotto, activities, entertainment, food and refreshments. Stalls and fun for the whole family. Small Entrance Fee.

For more information phone 020 8531 9522

Family history research

Tuesday 11 December, 8pm

Spruce Hill Baptist Church Hall, Brookscroft Road, E17 4JP.

Thinking about researching your family history, or just started? Come to our workshop and ask local experts what to do next. We are a small, friendly group that meets every Tuesday at 8pm - please join us! **For further details phone Mark on 020 8530 4755, email mcarroll@waitrose.com or visit www.wffhs.org.uk.**

The Good Life Club

Wednesdays, 1-3pm

Greenleaf Church Hall, Greenleaf Road, E17. The Good Life Club is a club for anybody aged 55 or over. We meet every Wednesday. We have singers, speakers, games, literary afternoons, word searches and more. Only £2 per session. **For more information phone Bernard Aarons on 020 8521 3953 or email bjaarons@gmail.com.**

Winter Tree ID

Saturday 1 December, 10-11am

Forest Road Gate, Lloyd Park, off Forest Road, E17 5EH
Celebrate National Tree Week by learning about trees in Lloyd Park. Find out how to identify trees, even when there's no leaves to help you! Free activity suitable for adults. **For more information email ellie.mortimer@walthamforest.gov.uk, phone 020 8496 3000 or visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/lloyd-park.**

St Andrews Day Dinner Dance

Saturday 1 December, 7.30-11pm

Waltham Forest Sports and Social Club, Waltham Forest Town Hall Grounds, Forest Road, E17 4JF
Two course meal, highlands dancers and a performance by the Stow Pipe Band. There will also be a raffle and lots of fun. Tickets cost £10 and all money raised will go towards a pensioners' Christmas Party. **To book tickets phone Tommy on 07506 733392.**

Freddy Boy's Big Rock and Roll Dance

Friday 21 December, 7.30pm

Chingford Assembly Hall, Station Road, E4 7EN. Featuring Barry Steele as Roy Orbison, Lee Jackson as Elvis Presley, Gavin Stanley as Billy Fury and Mark Robinson as Buddy Holly. With Radar Record Hop playing all your favourite tunes and 14 year old piano boogie woogie boy Cody Lee. Evening also includes

clothes stall, raffle, refreshments and bar. Tickets cost £15 and are on sale now. Book early to avoid disappointment. **For more information, or to book, phone Freddy on 07930 544312.**

Christmas Bazaar

Friday 30 November, 7-9pm

Saturday 1 December, 11am-4pm

Our Lady & St George Parish Hall, 132 Shernhall Street, E17 9HU
Join us for lots of fun for all the family with great raffle prizes to be won, Irish Coffees, homemade cakes, variety of hot and cold food, face painting, arts and crafts, games, Father Christmas Grotto, books, toys and much more!

Parkinsons UK Waltham Forest Branch

Third Thursday of every month, 7.30-9.30pm

South Chingford Congregational Church, E4 8LT

Every Tuesday, 2.30-4.30pm

Winchester Road Methodist Church, E4 9JP

Our aim is to offer support and friendship to people with Parkinsons and their carers. At our drop in session every Tuesday afternoon there's time for a chat and a cuppa, some games and crafts and round the afternoon off with half an hour of gentle sit down exercise with a qualified instructor. Come and join us and make some new friends. **For more information please phone Margaret on 020 8923 6161.**



Community local produce stall

Every Saturday, 11am - 3pm

St John's Church, Church Lane, Leytonstone (between the church and Matalan, just off the High Road)
A stall selling delicious, locally grown organic fruit and vegetables, and other local produce. A partnership between Organiclea and Transition Leytonstone. **For more information email info@transitionleytonstone.org.uk or phone 020 8556 0885.**

Infinehealth exclusive December offer

Saturday and Sundays, 11am - 6pm

Tuesdays, 11am - 4pm

Private Treatment Room off Palmerston Road, E17
Get 20 per cent off selected massage and body therapy treatments when you book two or more treatments for yourself, family, friends or loved ones. Don't miss out on this great offer! Christmas gift vouchers are also available.

For more information visit www.infinehealth.co.uk, email mail@infinehealth.co.uk or phone Sonja on 07847 603423.

Culture and crafts

Guffaw Comedy Club

Thursday 6 December, 8.30pm
Ye Olde Rose and Crown Theatre Pub, Hoe Street, E17

A star-studded Christmas special featuring Jeremy Hardy from BBC Radio Four's 'News Quiz', Shazia Mirza, Geoff Boyz and MC Susan Murray. Advance tickets £15 or £13.50 for concessions. To buy tickets visit <http://www.wegotickets.com/event/192573>.

For more information phone Al on 07971 712019



Forest Poets and guests

Friday 30 November, 7.30pm til late
Ye Olde Rose and Crown Theatre Pub, 53 Hoe Street, E17 4SA.

Join Forest Poets for a very special night of poetry and music with local Indie giant Darren Hayman, ex of Hefner. Support is from local poets and musicians including Steve Mclean, Rob Auton, Michael Shann, Mo Gallaccio, and members of Forest Poets. Tickets cost £7 and are available in advance, or on the door. To buy tickets visit <http://darrenhayman.eventbrite.com/>

CAOS presents 'At Her Majesty's Pleasure'

Friday 7 and Sunday 8 December, 7.30pm.

Waltham Forest College, Forest Road, E17. A joyous revue celebrating the 60 year reign of

Queen Elizabeth II, presented by College Amateur Operatic Society (CAOS). A complimentary drink and light refreshments will be available.

For further information phone Thelma Vincent on 020 8989 4529.

Ukulele drop in workshop for adults

Saturday 8 December, 2-4pm

Studio Office, Quaker Meeting House, 1a Jewel Road, E17 4QU
This is your chance to learn a few simple chords, impress your friends, and if it really grabs you, join the regular classes starting up in January! It's never too late!

For further information please phone Dick Smith on 07903 419691, email dickbanjosmith@gmail.com or visit www.banjosmith.co.uk.



Strung Out violin group for adults

Tuesdays, 6.30-7.30pm easy; 7.30-8.30pm beginners

Thursdays, 6.30-8pm Intermediates
Studio Office, Quaker Meeting House, 1a Jewel Road, E17 4QU
Got a violin in your attic you want to dust down? Fancy learning a new skill? Our motto is "It's never too late!" Strung Out is a fun violin group for adult enthusiasts of all levels, with a professional musician whose work spans from the West End to Womad. All styles of music welcomed from classical to traditional tunes. Fun is the key ingredient! Private lessons also available for all age groups. For further information phone Alison Jones on 07740 622428, email strungout@shapeshifter-productions.com or visit www.shapeshifter-productions.com

Five string banjo classes

Mondays, 6.30-7.30pm absolute beginners; 7.30-8.30pm beginners. Wednesdays, 6.30-7.30pm intermediate

Studio Office, Quaker Meeting House, 1a Jewel Road, E17 4QU
Bluegrass style three-finger picking classes on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Private lessons also available with professional musician with over 20 years' experience. For further information please phone Dick Smith on 07903 419691,

email dickbanjosmith@gmail.com or visit www.banjosmith.co.uk.

Wood Street Indoor Market Christmas Market

Thursday 6 December, until 8pm

Wood Street Indoor Market, 98-100 Wood Street, E17 3HX

A special late-opening Christmas market featuring Santa's grotto, mince pies and mulled wine. There will be special December offers all over the Market. Christmas carols and more on the late night opening on Thursday 6 December.

E17 Designers Markets

Friday 30 November, 7-10pm

Saturday 1 December, 2-6pm

The Asian Centre, Orford Road, E17 9LN. Two seasonal events to bring you a selection of designers work for sale. Our Friday party night features Suzie's Kitchen, a pop-up wine shop from Walthamstow Wine and DJ Jake of Heliocentrics, who will be spinning jazz, soul, RnB and Latin vinyl. The Saturday market offers one-of-a-kind gifts from a different set of designers. Also featuring the Farmers Market, offering apple juice 'tasters' to the first lucky visitors and chilled music from Andy Green, our favourite folkster fiddler, and friends. Entry to each market costs £2 which includes a free drink and entry to the goody bag prize draw. Keep your ticket from Friday to get in for half price on Saturday.

For more information visit www.e17designers.co.uk.



Forest Writers Group

Twice monthly Thursdays, 8-10pm

Local group of writers hold regular meetings in Walthamstow, twice a month. It's usual to present a short piece or extract, for friendly, constructive comments. Any style or genre of writing, and anyone over 18 is welcome, professional authors and part-time hobbyists alike. For more information email forestwriters@hotmail.co.uk.

Children and young people

Christmas Workshop for Children

Saturday 15 December 2012

Every hour, from 12pm to 4pm

'Occasions', Unit 18, Wood Street Market, 98-100 Wood Street, Walthamstow E17 3HX.

Design your own Christmas cookie and cracker with Occasions at Wood Street Market. £5 to enroll.

For Bookings and information, email occasionswsm@hotmail.co.uk or phone 07950674947.

French club

Saturdays, 1.30-230 and 2.30-3.30.

Leytonstone Library.

French club for children aged five to ten years old. Session for children aged 5 to 7 years old at 1.30pm and children from 8 to 10 years old at 2.30pm. Children learn the language in a relaxed atmosphere through games, songs and basic writing. The next session runs for six weeks. Price is £30 pounds for the term. For more information phone Florence on 07954 387935.

Junior tennis coaching

Monday to Saturday

Whitehall Tennis Club, Larkshall Road E4. Tennis coaching for children aged two and over. Weekly classes from £2.50.

For more information please email abatandaball@hotmail.co.uk or phone Jess on 077866 46378.

Pro Star Football Academy

Saturdays, 10-11am

Wednesdays, 5-6pm

Goals Soccer Centre, 3 Morrison's Avenue, E4 8FM. Football session for children aged three to five years. £5 per child, per session. For more information phone Pro Star Football Academy on 07539 009722 or email prostarfootballacademy@live.co.uk.

Salaam Peace Positive Routes multi-sports

Tuesdays, 6-8pm

Kelmscott Leisure Centre, Markhouse Road E17. Multi-sports activities for young people aged 11 to 18. Just turn up and play. For more information email sab@salaampeace.org.

Acting Bugs drama group

Every Wednesday, 10am

St. Johns Church Hall, Leytonstone
Acting Bugs is a drama group for children aged 18 months to five years. The group is lead by local TV actress and mum, Sam Seager, (who plays Bobby the Bus Cleaner in Cbeebies Me Too!) The session lasts 45 minutes and introduce pre school children to the world of drama in a fun, playful and imaginative way. Parents stay with their children through the session and well deserved refreshments are provided afterwards for big ones and little ones! Sessions cost £5 and £2.50 for any siblings. Email actingbugs100@gmail.com for more info or check out the Acting Bugs facebook page.

E17 Junior Guitar Club

Saturdays

Hornbeam Centre, 458 Hoe Street, E17 9AH. Four different levels. Guitar playing fun for children of all abilities. We perform regularly! Pay £7 (£5 beginners) for a taster session, then £42 (£30 beginners) for a half-term of six lessons. For more information phone Christian 07958 471083, email chris@stunningmusic.com or visit www.stunningmusic.com.

Children and Young People's Directory

Compiled by the Council's Family Information Service (FIS), the directory gives free, impartial advice on childcare, general information on a wide range of services for children, young people and families and lists leisure and recreation activities of all kinds. For more information visit <http://csd.walthamforest.gov.uk>



Community Ward Forums

Lea Bridge

Wednesday 28 November, 6-8pm
Lea Bridge Library, 382 Lea Bridge Road, E10 7HU

Chapel End

Wednesday 28 November, 7-9pm
Chapel End Junior School, Roberts Road, E17 4LS

For more information on Community Ward Forums visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/community-ward-forums

Council meetings

Tuesday 27 November

Planning Committee

Wednesday 28 November

Health Scrutiny Committee, 6.30pm

Thursday 29 November

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Tuesday 4 December

Cabinet, 5.30pm
National Non-Domestic Ratepayers' Consultation, 6pm

Wednesday 12 December

Finance Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 13 December

Council

All meetings are held at Waltham Forest Town Hall unless stated otherwise, and start at 7.30pm.

Tell us what's on

Email your event details to: walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk
Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

The deadline for 17 December edition is **Friday 30 November.**

The deadline for 14 January 2013 edition is **Friday 14 December.**

Please note inclusion cannot be guaranteed, due to the high volume of requests received.

FREE EVENT

2013 New Year Fireworks

Welcome 2013 in with a bang! Waltham Forest Council is putting on two stunning firework shows to celebrate the start of another fantastic year.

Wednesday 2 January 2013, 5.30pm-8pm

At two venues:

**Leyton Jubilee Park, Marsh Lane, Leyton E10 7DE and
The Highams Park, The Charter Road, IG8 9RF**

- **FANTASTIC FIREWORK SHOWS CHOREOGRAPHED TO MUSIC**
- **FOOD AND DRINK STALLS**

**For more details including travel information please visit
www.walthamforest.gov.uk/councilevents**

Walthamstow



Strung Out perform in Walthamstow Town centre with the Walthamstow Acoustic Massive at The Stow Festival in September. Photo by Chi Chan

Another string to their bows

- Local violin group awarded BBC Performing Arts Fund grant
- Strung Out is open to adults violinists of all abilities

Members of local violin group Strung Out are breaking out their bows for a celebratory tune after receiving a grant from a BBC community music scheme.

The BBC Performing Arts Fund has given over £250,000 to community music groups across the UK, and awarded Strung Out £6550 to develop an original piece of music in collaboration with other local community music groups.

Strung Out is an adults-only violin group that was founded by professional musician Alison Jones in March 2010. The aim of the group is to provide a fun and supportive local club for new and old violinists alike.

Alison told Waltham Forest News: "I set up Strung Out because I thought there was a need for a fun, non-competitive violin group in Walthamstow. I'd often have people telling me they used to play violin when they

were younger and say they wanted to start again but thought it was too long since they'd played to do anything about it.

"The idea of the group was to help people dust off their old violins and give them a way

group for improvers and an advanced group. Everyone is welcome to come along and have a go, even if they have not played for many years or are a complete beginner.

Alison said: "It's a really relaxed atmosphere and as

on Sunday 9 December.

"I love that in Walthamstow there are so many groups that come together and collaborate on different projects," added Alison. "It's happened so naturally and there are certainly a lot of talented people living in E17."

Strung Out will now use the BBC grant to develop a new symphony inspired by the word 'express'. Led by Strung Out it will be a collaboration with other local community groups and professional musicians, with vocals provided by audience participation. The Express Symphony will be performed locally and at regional music festivals in 2013 including the East End Film Festival and The Stow Festival.

"You're never too old to learn to play an instrument."

to refresh their skills and start playing and having fun with music again. I also wanted to attract people who had never played before. You're never too old to learn to play an instrument and I think the key is to make sure you have fun at the same time, which is what Strung Out is all about.

"We started out with one general group, but the response was brilliant and we started attracting more and more members. We now have three groups, so musicians of all abilities can join in."

Strung Out now offers meetings for absolute beginners, one 'easy'

well as learning to play or improving it's a great chance to meet people and make new friends. I'd encourage anyone who thinks they might like to play the violin to come along to one of our sessions and try it out."

The group has performed locally a number of times and during the summer appeared with the Walthamstow Acoustic Massive (WAM) as part of The Stow Festival.

Strung Out will also perform at a Community Christmas Concert with Walthamstow's Natural Voices Choir at Orford House Social Club (73 Orford Road, E17 9QR)

In brief

LOASS awards success

Local footballers are celebrating after Walthamstow-based LOASS FC picked up three prestigious awards at the London Football Association (FA) Charter Standard Awards. The ceremony took place at West Ham United's Boleyn Ground on Thursday 1 November. The awards were hosted by the London FA and recognised the work done by clubs and individuals at local football clubs in the capital. Coach Steve Jones was named Young Volunteer of the Year, Coach Bob Carn received the Volunteer of the Year award and the club itself won Community Club of the Year. LOASS is an FA Charter Standard Community Club and has youth teams from under sevens to under 18s, two senior teams, a veterans team, girls teams and a disability team.

• For more information visit www.intheteam.com/loass or phone 07771 677361.



Local young people took part in the Guinness World Record attempt

YMCA slam dunks world record

Last month Forest YMCA joined millions of people from worldwide branches of the charity to take part in a Guinness World Record attempt for the world's biggest ever basketball event. Local people and Forest YMCA staff and residents took part in the YMCA Worldwide Challenge to help raise money for the charity. More than 80 countries took part and the aim was to make more than five million basketball shots on goal. Deborah Hudson, Youth Development Manager at Forest YMCA, told Waltham Forest News: "This was a fantastic event to showcase what the YMCA does. We don't just house the homeless, but also run a youth programme where young people can develop and have fun in a safe environment. I was so pleased to see so many people participate."

• For more information visit www.forestymca.org.uk or phone 020 8509 4600.

Tell us your stories

The 17 December edition of Waltham Forest News will have a distinctly festive feel and we want you to tell us what's happening in the borough this Christmas. Perhaps you're looking for volunteers to help with a project over the holidays, are singing Christmas Carols to raise money for charity, want to tell people about an event or workshop you are running or just want to share photos of your children's nativity plays. If you've got an interesting story to tell, want to find people to help with a Christmas project or have fun photographs to share, we want to hear from you. Simply email us no later than Friday 7 December and we will try to include you in the next edition of Waltham Forest News.

• Email your stories and digital photos to walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk by Friday 7 December. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

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A few places still available in Reception class for 2012

Emmanuel Community School

A new Primary School with a Christian ethos currently situated in Emmanuel Christian Centre, Erskine Road, Walthamstow E17 6SA and moving to The Drive, Walthamstow E17 in September 2013.

We are holding Open Days for Parents and Carers wanting to apply for a place for their child in 2013. This will be an opportunity for you to come along and see our school in action.

The next Open Day will take place on Monday 3rd December at 11am, please contact the school office in order to book in.

For more information and a copy of our prospectus contact the school or download from our website.

www.emmanuelcommunityschool.co.uk

Email: admin@emmanuelcommunityschool.co.uk

Tel: 020 8520 0775

Public Notices

Planning

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010 - NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application for planning permission has been made to the Council for which additional publicity is required.

APPL.NO 2012/1468

APPLICANT Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd

ADDRESS Sainsbury Supermarkets, 11 Walthamstow Avenue, Chingford, London E4 8ST

PROPOSAL Erection of new palisade fence and canopy to north west side of store.

APPL.NO 2012/1546

APPLICANT Mr Ahmed

ADDRESS 400 Hoe Street, Walthamstow, London E17 9AA

PROPOSAL Retention of use of upper floors as 10 flats (2x3 bed, 1x1 bed and 7 bedsits)

The application is open to inspection by the Public at the offices of the Development Management, Sycamore House, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, London E17 4JF between the hours of 9.00a.m. - 5.00p.m. Monday to Friday. Any representations relating to the application should be made in writing to the Planning Division within 21 days of the date of this Notice.

Dated this day 26 November 2012

David Scourfield – Head of Development Management On Behalf of London Borough of Waltham Forest

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 - SECTION 67

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application for a building within a Conservation Area has been made to this Authority.

APPL.NO 2012/1548

APPLICANT Mr M Harji

ADDRESS 4 Crown Buildings, The Green, Chingford London E4 7EX

PROPOSAL Change of use from retail shop (use class A1) to restaurant (use class A3) at ground floor level, involving single storey rear extension and extraction ducting flue to rear. Self containment of first floor to form 2 bedroom flat with loft conversion with rear dormer window and front rooflight. Installation of new shopfront.

APPL.NO 2012/1547/LB

APPLICANT NTA Community Projects

ADDRESS 807 High Road, Leyton, London E10 7AA

PROPOSAL Application for Listed Building Consent - Change of use to mixed B1/D1 use with alterations to shopfront, single storey rear extension and conversion of garages into kitchen.

The application is open to inspection by the Public at the offices of the Development Management, Sycamore House, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, London E17 4JF between the hours of 9.00a.m. - 5.00p.m. Monday to Friday. Any representations relating to the application should be made in writing to the Planning Division within 21 days of the date of this Notice.

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Cllr Ahsan Khan with Volunteer of the Year Under 16 – Natasha Quyyam and runners up Robert Keide and Elizabeth Tucker

Congratulating good sports

- Award ceremony celebrates the contribution residents and clubs make to sport in Waltham Forest
- Hundreds of local people nominated for sporting awards

As the capital continues to bask in the Olympic afterglow, Waltham Forest recognised its own sporting talent at its annual Sports Awards ceremony on Wednesday 14 November.

Almost 300 local people attended the event at Walthamstow Assembly Hall, which saw inspiring teams, athletes, coaches and sporting projects nominated across 12 categories. The event saw awards presented by Paralympic powerlifter Ali Jawad, Council Leader Chris Robbins and Waltham Forest's Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing Cllr Ahsan Khan.

The evening also celebrated local success stories like judo coach Ricky Haynes – fresh from winning the British Judo Association's coveted Coach of the Year award – the ten promising athletes

who received the borough's 'Boxing Kangaroo' sporting bursaries and the winners of

this year's 6 Host Boroughs Swimming Championship. "The Sports Awards are

always inspiring and I think the recent excitement of the Olympic and Paralympic Games really gave this year's event an extra special edge," said Cllr Ahsan Khan.

"Grassroots clubs are the heart and soul of this country's sporting achievements and it's important that we recognise the hard work and successes of local athletes and the many coaches who go out of their way to train up tomorrow's sporting stars. I'd like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to all those who were nominated, and I look forward to coming back next year to hear about fresh feats and triumphs."

Fact file

- Outstanding Services to Sport – Dave Rowan, Wadham Football Club.
- Adult Team of the Year – Eton Manor Women's Athletics Team.
- Coach of the Year – Mike Beasant, Highams Park Cycling Coaching Centre.
- Sports Person of the Year – Jermaine Hamilton, Athletics.
- Physical Activity and Health Project – Tottenham Hotspur Foundation, Think Fit Project.
- Youth Sports Leader / Volunteer of the Year Under 16 – Natasha Quyyam, various sports.
- Outstanding Contribution to London Youth Games – Natalie Robinson, various sports.
- Inclusive Sports Award – Forest Flyerz, Hockey.
- Club of the Year – ELBO BMX Club.
- Sports Person of the Year Under 16 – Ilyas Hussain, Taekwondo.
- Junior Team of the Year under 11s – Ridgeway Rovers, Football.
- Junior Team of the Year U18 – Norlington Boys Year 10 Volleyball Team.
- Volunteer of the year – Matt Lovell, Hockey and Rowing.
- Lifetime Achievement Award – Jim Howell, various sports.

In brief



Ricky Haynes, centre, is British Judo's Club Coach of the Year

Ricky wins national judo award

A judo coach from Waltham Forest has been named as the British Judo Association's Club Coach of the Year. Ricky Haynes received his award from Britain's Olympic Judo Silver medallist Gemma Gibbons at the British Judo Awards, which took place at the Heritage Motor Centre in Warwickshire on Saturday 10 November. Ricky started Kelmscott Judo Club back in 1981 and hasn't looked back since, teaching residents of all ages and training many of the club's current coaches from beginner to black belt status.

• For more information on Kelmscott Judo Club email richardjudo@aol.com. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.



Pani Theodorou coaches young hockey players

Pani's big surprise

Local hockey club coach Pani Theodorou, who has been a member of Waltham Forest Hockey Club (WFHC) for over 10 years, recently appeared on the ITV show 'Surprise, Surprise' in recognition of her work to get more people playing hockey. Pani set up and coached a fourth ladies team for WFHC to encourage more women to play hockey for the first time and in the last 18 months began an under eights section and set up London's first pan-disability hockey section - Forest Flyerz. Pani was nominated to appear on the show by Access Sport, who has backed her plans to replicate Forest Flyerz at hockey clubs throughout the South East. Pani set up the group in November 2011 to offer disabled children the opportunity to try hockey in a relaxed, fun environment. The sessions now have 20 regular players and Forest Flyerz is being used across the country as an example of how to introduce disability sport into existing clubs.

• For more information on WFHC visit www.walthamforesthc.co.uk.

More info

For more information about sports clubs and facilities in Waltham Forest visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk or phone 020 8496 3000.

Services



The visit by Her Majesty the Queen, the Olympic Torch relay evening celebration event, Winter Wonderland and the Love Your Borough Awards were all organised by the Council's events team

The main events

- Waltham Forest Council's events team organises free events for residents across the borough
- A look back at some of this year's highlights including the Big 6, Fantastic Fireworks and the Love Your Borough Awards

During the past year thousands of you attended a host of free Council-organised events that took place at venues across the length and breadth of borough.

Every year the Council's events team is responsible for organising a programme of community events for residents of all ages. This year there were more than 25 different family-friendly celebrations and activities that took place, which entertained well over 100,000 residents.

Highlights included the annual Love Your Borough Awards, the Chingford Day Dance Festival, Eid celebrations, Diwali celebrations, Leyton Day and Waltham Forest Mela, Fantastic Fireworks, a Black History Month Comedy Gala Night, Senior Citizens Christmas Lunches and much, much more.

The events are a way for the

community to mark important days and festivals, celebrate the wealth of different cultures that thrive in the borough and help bring the community together and offer the chance for you to meet people in your neighbourhoods.

As 2012 was such a special year for Waltham Forest the Council also organised the Big 6 as a way of helping local people celebrate the Olympic year and also to say 'thank you' for bearing with us while the Olympics were underway.

The Big 6 began in December 2011 with Winter Wonderland and 2012 started with a bang with two eye-popping fireworks celebrations. Pop stars a-plenty descended on the borough for Party on the Pitch and Urban Classic.

The penultimate event, Festival of Sport, saw thousands of residents try out new sports and get tips on how to improve their game from local sports clubs and Aussie Olympians.

Finally, the Forest Film Fest

ran from Friday 31 August to Sunday 2 September and saw thousands of local people watch Disney favourites, classic thrillers and modern-day blockbusters like Avatar and the Dark Knight.

Well over 55,000 residents attended the Big 6 events in total, meaning roughly one in five of you tipped up to be entertained over the course of the Olympic Year.

Alongside the Big 6 and other regular Council events we of course had a visit from

Her Majesty the Queen, hosted the Olympic Flame for a spectacular evening celebration and cheered on the Paralympic Torch Relay as it made its way across London towards the Olympic Park.

And the fun isn't over yet, as the Council will host a series of free Christmas celebration events for 2012 of our older residents in December. This follows the success of last year's events which saw over 800 residents join the Council for a two course Christmas meal and entertainment. This year's events will take place in Chingford, Leyton and Walthamstow.

"2012 was an absolutely spectacular year for Waltham Forest on many, many levels," Council Leader, Chris Robbins, told Waltham Forest News. "It was a year of one-offs, whether you were cheering on the Olympic Flame, sharing the

triumphs of team GB or welcoming Her Majesty the Queen to the borough.

"We set out to tap into this excitement with the events we hosted, and judging by the smiling faces we saw and the feedback we received I'd say we achieved just that."

Even though 2012 and the Big 6 has come to an end, there will still be plenty of ways for you to have fun with friends and family next year. The Council will once again organise an exciting programme of events for residents in 2013 – including New Year's fireworks on 2 January. So keep an eye out on the Council website and future editions of Waltham Forest News for more information.

Fact file

- At Forest Film Fest you munched your way through 17,500 free bags of popcorn, courtesy of Empire Cinemas.
- The stage used at Party on the Pitch was previously used by Tom Jones, while the sound equipment was also used by Coldplay for their UK tour.
- Ferrari the penguin, arguably the star of Winter Wonderland, also starred on The Jonathan Ross Show.
- The Winter Wonderland reindeers' true home is the 'Big Barn Farm' on BBC's Cbeebies.
- The team behind the Winter Wonderland ice sculptures are the UK National Ice Sculpting Champions.
- The fireworks company used for last year's New Year Fireworks were also the team responsible for astounding 250,000 revellers in Central London last New Year's Eve.

More info

For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk or phone 020 8496 3000.

Highways

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1). THE WALTHAM FOREST (HOE STREET AREA) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND RESTRICTION ON WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2012

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that on 23rd November it made an Order to enable carriageway works to be carried out in a safe and efficient manner in certain roads, the general effect of which will be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to prohibit vehicles (except works vehicles) and restrict waiting and loading by vehicles (except works vehicles) from certain sections of roads.

2. Whilst the works are being carried out no person shall:-

- cause or permit any vehicle to wait or load for any purpose, at any time, in Hoe Street, between the southern kerb-line of Second Avenue and the common boundary of Nos. 460 and 462 Hoe Street;
- cause or permit any vehicle to enter, proceed, wait or load for any purpose, at any time, in the following roads or sections of roads:-
 - Albert Road, between the western kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 50 metres west of that kerb-line;
 - Bakers Avenue, between the western kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 30 metres west of that kerb-line;
 - Boundary Road, between the western kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 50 metres west of that kerb-line;
 - Clarendon Road, between the eastern kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 50 metres east of that kerb-line;
 - Daventry Avenue, between the western kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 30 metres west of that kerb-line;
 - Granville Road, between the eastern kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 30 metres east of that kerb-line;
 - Grosvenor Park Road, between the eastern kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 50 metres east of that kerb-line;
 - Grove Road, between the eastern kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 30 metres east of that kerb-line;
 - Leamington Avenue, between the western kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 30 metres west of that kerb-line;
 - Orford Road, between the eastern kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 50 metres east of that kerb-line;
 - Pendlestone Road, between the eastern kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 30 metres east of that kerb-line;
 - Queen's Road, between the western kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 50 metres west of that kerb-line;
 - Third Avenue, between the eastern kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 50 metres east of that kerb-line;
 - the unnamed service road located between No. 424 and 426 Hoe Street, between the western kerb-line with Hoe Street and a point 30 metres west of that kerb-line.

3. Whilst the prohibitions referred to in paragraph 2 above remain in force, alternative routes for traffic will be indicated by traffic signs.

4. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order will be removed.

5. The restrictions mentioned above will not apply in relation to any vehicle being used -

- in connection with the said works; or
- for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency, if the works allow.

6. The Order will come into operation on 26th November 2012 and will be valid for a maximum period of 6 months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

NOTE: These works will not be carried out simultaneously in all roads but in a sequence as directed by the Council. Leaflets will be distributed and signage placed in advance of any works in the above mentioned roads which will give more specific details on the exact dates of the prohibitions, effects of any temporary traffic management and diversion routes as necessary.

Dated 26th November 2012

**Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure,
Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS**

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest ("the Council") hereby gives notice that it proposes to make an order under Section 247 of the above Act to authorise the stopping up of the following area of public highway which is shown edged blue on the plan attached to the draft order:

(1) The area of public highway known as Grange Road formed of one long rectangular shaped area measuring a distance of 90 metres with a width of 9.75 metres

IF THE ORDER IS MADE, the stopping up will be authorised only in order to enable development described in the Schedule to this notice to be carried out in accordance with the planning permission granted to London and Quadrant Housing Trust by the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest on 28 March 2012 under reference 2011/0547

COPIES OF THE DRAFT ORDER AND THE RELEVANT PLANS MAY BE INSPECTED during normal office hours from 26 November 2012 to 4 January 2013 at (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; and (b) Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS and (b) Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS free of charge ANY PERSON MAY OBJECT to the making of the proposed order by 4 January 2013 by written statement to Legal and Democratic Services, Waltham Forest Town Hall, Forest Road, London, E17 4JF (Ref: 67878/JWE).

In preparing an objection it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be imparted to other persons who may be affected by it and that those persons may wish to communicate with the objector about it.

Dated: 26 November 2012. MR. K. VALAVAN, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

THE SCHEDULE

The redevelopment of the site comprising 39 residential units in 3 blocks (1 x 4-bed and 9 x 3-bed houses and 20 x 2-bed and 9 x 1-bed flats), with provision of 15 car parking spaces.

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS – VARIOUS LOCATIONS, AMENDMENT TO PARKING PLACE – LANGTHORNE ROAD AND PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF VOUCHER PARKING PLACE – HATHERLEY ROAD

The Waltham Forest (Waiting and Loading Restrictions) (Amendment No. *) Order 201*
The Waltham Forest (Crownfield CP2) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. *) Order 201*
The Waltham Forest (Voucher Parking Places) (Amendment No. *) Order 201* T33

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest propose to make the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders would be to:-

- introduce waiting restrictions operating "at any time" into certain sections of Acorn Close, Chingford Avenue, Hatherley Road, Hungerdown, Lee Close, Oakfield Road, Roberts Road, Rowden Road, and St. Egberts Way;
- introduce waiting restrictions operating "at any time" at the following junctions:-
 - Chingford Avenue and Heathcote Grove;
 - Higham Street and Hillyfield; and
 - Hungerdown and St. Egberts Way;
- extend the lengths of existing waiting restrictions operating "at any time" in certain sections the following roads:-
 - Endlebury Road; and
 - Upper Walthamstow Road;
- amend the layout of an existing permit holders only parking place in a certain section of Langthorne Road; and
- introduce a voucher parking place into a certain section of Hatherley Road operating between 8 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Monday to Saturday with a maximum stay period of 1 hour

(the current charge for vouchers is 80 pence for 30 minutes or £1.30 per hour).

3. Copies of the Orders, the Council's statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders and of plans showing the location and effect of the Orders can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the end of a period of 6 weeks from the date on which the Orders are made or the Council decides not to make the Orders, at (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17 and (b) The Reception Desk, The London Borough of Waltham Forest, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

4. Any person desiring to object to any of the proposed Orders or to make any other representation should send a statement in writing of either their objection and the grounds thereof or of their representation to Traffic Orders, Engineering Design, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS quoting reference T33 by the end of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

For more information please telephone 020 8496 3000 quoting reference T33 Dated 26th November 2012. Mr. K. Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST HANDSWORTH AVENUE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO "SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR MARKINGS", VOUCHER PARKING PLACES AND DISABLED PARKING PLACES, INTRODUCTION OF ZEBRA CROSSING AND SPEED TABLES The Waltham Forest (Prohibition of Stopping Outside Schools) (Amendment No. *) Traffic Order 201* The Waltham Forest (Voucher Parking Places) (Amendment No. *) Order 201* T34

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest propose to make the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, introduce speed tables under Section 90C of the Highway Act 1980 and the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999, and introduce a zebra crossing under section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders would be to:-

- amend the location of existing "school keep clear" markings in a certain section of Handsworth Avenue; and
- shorten the length of an existing voucher parking place in a certain section of Handsworth Avenue.

3. It is also proposed to:-

- introduce speed tables into certain sections of Handsworth Avenues as set out in Schedule 1 to this Notice;

- remove an existing speed table from a certain section of Handsworth Avenue as set out in Schedule 2 to this Notice;
- introduce a zebra crossing into a certain section of Handsworth Avenue as set out in Schedule 3 to this Notice
- amend the location of existing disabled parking places in a certain section of Handsworth Avenue.

4. Copies of the Orders, the Council's statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders and of plans showing the location and effect of the Orders can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the end of a period of 6 weeks from the date on which the Orders are made or the Council decides not to make the Orders, at (a) the Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17 The Reception Desk and (b) the London Borough of Waltham Forest, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

5. Any person desiring to object to any of the Orders or to make any other representation should send a statement in writing of either their objection and the grounds thereof or of their representation to Traffic Orders, Engineering Design, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS, reference Traffic Orders T34, by the end of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

For more information please telephone 020 8496 3000 Dated 26th November 2012. Mr. K. Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

Schedule 1 - Speed Tables: The speed tables would be constructed and maintained with a maximum height of 100 millimetres and would vary in length and width and on/off ramps would be constructed at a gradient of 1:12 to 1:20 Handsworth Avenue, between a point 5 metres south-west of the common boundary of Nos. 35 and 37 Handsworth Avenue and a point 1 metre south-west of the common boundary of Nos. 33 and 35 Handsworth Avenue.

Handsworth Avenue, (located at the centre of the Zebra Crossing set out in Schedule 3) between a point 6 metres south-west of the common boundary of Nos. 23 and 25 Handsworth Avenue and a point 14 metres south-west of that boundary.

Schedule 2 - Speed table to be removed: Handsworth Avenue, between a point 9 metres south-west of the common boundary of Nos. 25 and 29 handsworth Avenue and a point 13 metres south-west of that boundary.

Schedule 3 - Zebra Crossing: Handsworth Avenue. The centre of the crossing would be located outside of Handsworth Primary School and the zig zags would extend between a point 5 metres south-west of the common boundary of Nos. 25 and 29 Handsworth Avenue and a point 22 metres north-east of the common boundary of Nos. 16 and 16a Handsworth Avenue

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Better High Streets

You have told us that improving the borough's streets and shopping facilities continues to be a priority and the Council has committed to spend £9million on improving the borough's high streets over the next few years.

Over 600 residents took part in a survey on the Lea Bridge Road and Bakers Arms area. The survey asked residents about their views on safety, traffic, parking and their shopping experience in the area. These results will feed into the improvements for this area.

Surveys will be done on other areas in due course, so keep an eye out for a chance to have your say.

Better Leisure

You only have a few days left to tell us your views on plans to transform the Arcade site into an exciting new hub for leisure and entertainment.

A planning application for the proposed new cinema development has been received by the Council for a new nine screen cinema with

approximately 1,200 seats, accompanied by new restaurants and shops on the ground floor.

The proposal also includes the provision of 121 residential units to include 50 affordable homes for rental and shared ownership, aimed at local people and first time buyers.

You can look at the plans in Walthamstow Library or online at www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace

If you want to get involved, please send your feedback to us by Friday 30 November.

Better Schools

As part of our drive to create a better place to live, we are investing in schools to give our children the best chance of a bright future.

Chingford Hall Primary School has had work done to accommodate an additional reception class. Gwyn Jones Primary School in Leytonstone now has an additional two reception classes, a new admin block, two new classrooms and has received a makeover to the front of the building with a new entrance and offices.

St Saviours C of E Primary School in Walthamstow is now in its final phase of work. The school has already seen an additional ten classrooms and an office built, and now the hall, library and kitchen facilities will be refurbished. Work is expected to be completed in summer 2013.

More information

For a chance to have your say and to keep informed of all the latest news visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace



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